



Ministère de l'Environnement, de la
Protection de la Nature et du
Développement Durable

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Paix - Travail - Patrie



In recognition of the common goal of forest conservation, restoration and sustainable use of forest resources:

Both parties agree to:

1. Support sustainable sourcing and forest restoration within the subnational REDD+ program area as an element of activities to sustainably manage Cameroon's forest resources, restore degraded land, and improve the livelihoods of participating communities, with a focus on improving techniques for propagation and planting of key tree species used in the manufacturing of musical instruments, as well as fruit and medicinal trees prioritized by forest communities.
2. Work with forest communities in the REDD+ program area to improve management practices, including in the development of key species inventories and management plans to ensure a sustainable income from these species to the communities.
3. Jointly explore the potential for expansion of The Ebony Project model of community engagement, plant propagation and planting into restoration and agroforestry activities within the ER-Program area.

Government of Cameroon agrees to:

1. Collaborate with CBI to conduct a technical analysis of the feasibility, opportunities and obstacles of expanding the current Ebony Project into additional forest communities, agroforestry projects, and restoration project areas within the subnational REDD+ program.
2. If expansion is determined to be feasible within the framework of activities for the ER-Program, the Government of Cameroon agrees to work with CBI to secure financing to scale up these activities within the ER-Program area.
3. Support forest communities that supply ebony in the development of basic inventories and improved management plans.

Taylor Guitars agrees to:

1. Continue to provide financial support to CBI for its laboratory and field work to better understand the basic ecology of African ebony, and to improve propagation techniques for the planting of ebony as well as other high-value native tree species for the next three years.
2. Continue to provide good jobs, transfer technology and expand in-country value added processing at the Yaoundé based Crelicam mill.
3. Support the Government of Cameroon in exploring opportunities to secure additional partnerships in support of its REDD+ program.
4. Collaborate with the Government of Cameroon in communication efforts to engage Cameroonians and the international community on the importance of Cameroon's forest to the people of Cameroon, in the global fight against climate change, the protection of crucial habitat and biodiversity, and to the future of the music industry world-wide.

The Government of Cameroon and Taylor Guitars hereby embark on this partnership as a bold first step in public-private collaboration, inspired by the common vision of protecting Cameroon's rich forest resources for future generations.

Signed November 14, 2017:

Cameroon Ministry in charge of Environment

Taylor Guitars